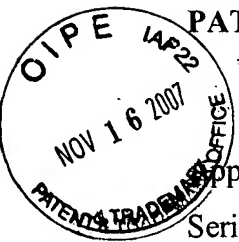


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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION ACCOMPANYING
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This amendment is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed on May 16, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on August 16, 2007. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorizes the Patent Office to charge the requisite amount to the Deposit Account number identified below, as well as the fee for the Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, the period set to reply to the Office Action expires on November 16, 2007, and this reply is timely.

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